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WEAK D PHENOTYPE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application, the time for responding having been extended to February 25, 2002, by the accompanying fee and petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 1, after the title, please insert --This application is a 371 of PCT EP/98/08319, filed December 12, 1998.--

At page 2, line 2, please delete "high grade D^u" and substitute therefor --"high grade D"--.

At page 27, line 12, after "nucleotide" please insert --(SEQ ID NO:41)--.

At page 27, line 19, after "shown" please insert --(SEQ ID NO:42)--.

At page 27, line 20, after "RHD gene" please insert --(SEQ ID NO:43)--.

At page 28, line 15, please delete "D^u-test" and substitute therefor --"D^u-test"--.

At page 33, last line, please delete "2" and substitute therefor --²--.